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Note by the Secretariat

1. At its 46th plenary meeting, on 30 July 1999, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1999/59 entitled "Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions", in which the Council decided to continue consideration of the question of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly.

2. At its 76th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1999, the General Assembly adopted resolution 54/107, entitled "Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions". In paragraph 7 of that resolution, the Assembly took note of the decision of the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1999/59 of 30 July 1999, to continue consideration of the question of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, and decided to transmit the most recent report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions to the Council at its substantive session of 2000.

3. Pursuant to the aforementioned provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/59 and of General Assembly resolution 54/107, the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/54/383 and Add.1) will be made available to the Council at its substantive session of 2000. Particular attention of the members of the Council is drawn to section IV of the report which summarizes the views communicated by Governments regarding the report of the ad hoc expert group meeting on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, and section V which summarizes the comments provided by the relevant international organizations and

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institutions inside and outside the United Nations system regarding the report of the ad hoc expert group meeting and related issues of international assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions.